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Annex A - Review of NSC 68 Programs:

Probable Developments in the World Situation

through Mid-1953.

1. Page 5, par 2e --- Change the last sentence to read as follows:  
"Unless war weariness begins to tell, the Chinese Communist forces should also be materially strengthened with Soviet aid and technical support."
2. Page 5, par 3 first sentence --- Delete: ~~Unless marked progress in Western development and production of new weapons should revolutionize the military situation.~~
3. Page 11, par. 13 --- Change the first sentence as follows:  
"Aside from a possible Soviet decision to initiate war, perhaps the chief danger of general war during the next two years lies in the possibility of Soviet misjudgement of the action the US would or would not take in a given situation; ~~ex-(b)~~ <sup>(a)</sup> that is, the possibility that the USSR and the US will each regard its interests in a given local situation or development as vital, and upon which it cannot yield."

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4. Page 17, par 19, line 1 --- Change to read as follows: "However, ~~unless marked progress in Western development and production of new weapons should revolutionize the military situation,~~ available European NATO forces will still be insufficient to do more than delay a full-scale Soviet attack."

5. Page 21, par 27 --- Change the first two sentences as follows: "Under present conditions no decisive outcome of the East-West struggle in Asia seems likely, ~~during the next two years.~~ It seems improbable at best that the US and its allies will be able to do more than maintain or perhaps slightly improve their present unsatisfactory position of the US and its allies will be improved, while on the other hand there is acute danger of major deterioration."

6. Page 25, Par 32, second sentence - Change to read as follows: "Even if some compromise solution were reached in Korea, the US would still be faced not only with the constant threat of renewed aggression in Asia or other Communist pressures and the necessity of maintaining large numbers of troops but with major reconstruction problems in the South."

7. Page 26, par 31, line 10 --- Change the sentence as follows: "In any event, all Southeast Asian countries will remain weak and un-<sup>coming</sup> stable during the/ period, and may require increasing amounts of outside assistance, including military assistance, even to maintain themselves."

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8. Page 26.par 34, line 3 --- Change as follows: "capabilities for harassing the mainland by themselves ~~will~~ be offset."

9. Page 29.par 40 --- Change the second sentence as follows:  
~~"Current-tension-over-this-problem-may~~ Realization of the effect that  
war would have on the disputants might result in greater readiness to  
compromise, and some de facto if not negotiated settlement may emerge."

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